GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5263
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GRANTING OF MINING LEASE RIGHT TO PECHINEY OF FRANCE
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global corporate M/s. Pechiney of France has sought mining lease of bauxite ores in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the M/s Pechiney is also bidding for National Aluminium Company Limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): No proposal has been received from the State Government of Orissa for grant of mining lease for mineral bauxite in favour of M/s Pechiney of France.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): As per information furnished by Ministry of Disinvestment, the bids for NALCO have not been invited.

(d): Does not arise.